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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: HB 1277

NOTE PREPARED: Dec 31, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Definition of "Waters".

FIRST AUTHOR: Rep. Bottorff

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: ☒ **GENERAL**
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: This bill amends the definition of "waters" for environmental management purposes to exclude all private and off-stream ponds, reservoirs, and water pollution facilities. (Current law includes these in the definition of "waters" if a discharge from the pond, reservoir, or facility causes or threatens to cause water pollution.)

Effective Date: July 1, 2004.

Explanation of State Expenditures: This bill removes the provision from statute that allows the Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) to act in anticipation of water pollution problems on private waters, which are built for controlling pollution or cooling water, when a discharge causes or threatens to cause water pollution. If removing this provision leads to IDEM cleaning up more discharges that cause water pollution, it is likely that more resources will be expended in the cleanup process than would have been required to act before a problem occurs. The fiscal impact of this bill is currently indeterminable.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Department of Environmental Management.

Local Agencies Affected:

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